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## Top Exile Fighter Quits U.S. For Base

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Cuban exile leader Manuel Artime, who was the top figure in the Bay of Pigs invasion force, said today he was leaving the United States to direct an anti-Castro guerrilla army from a headquarters some where in Central America.

"Almost all countries in the United States have been asked to do so we are going to be secret when where we are," said Artime, 38, Communist, of Miami.

"We are in the United States because of the U.S. and the United States is not the place to be, it is not safe."

"People here are not so helpful towards us because except of Castro, they are not in war against us so we can be warned."

Artime, who led the invasion force which ousted the leader of the Cuban People's Revolutionary Movement, Fidel Castro,

against the Castro regime will begin "very soon."

"We are not talking about publicity attacks against Communist Cuba," Artime said.

"We are not planning to carry out only hit-and-run raids. Our program is designed to cause permanent injury to the economy of Communist Cuba."

Artime said his organization did not plan to harass shipping to Cuba.

But there have been reports circulating in Miami that Artime's MRR and possibly some other organizations were preparing to operate out of a Central American headquarters using a "mother ship" and several smaller boats for their "war action" against the Castro regime.

Although Artime did not disclose the location of his new headquarters, there are reports in the exile colony that Nicaragua and Costa Rica are the most likely sites.

Artime denied vigorously reports circulating here and in Washington that he is being supported and financed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

"I have no association with the attorney general," Artime asserted. "We have worked for four months in Latin America gathering support and funds. Now we are ready to launch our complete program."

Artime said "some Latin governments, some wealthy Latin Americans, some wealthy Americans and some Latin political parties" have helped provide financing and weapons for the MRR operations.

"It is apparent that the United States has some international commitments which cannot help us," Artime explained.

"We are going to operate our organization which have the U.S. as its main area of carry on our fight to liberate. We have information from the CIA, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense and the free world to attack."

"We predict war against Castro's Cuba."

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